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Dear Mr. Jaffe,

After reading the article Starved for an Egg from *PETA'S Animal Times*. I was appalled to find out how chickens are tortured just to produce eggs. **Please** support the petition to ban forced molting of layer hens. I cannot believe farmers trick the hens to lay more eggs by depriving them of food and water for two or more weeks. Then they are crowded into small cages and the starving hens peck at empty bowls and many resort to eating their own feathers. After their lifetime of abuse they are sent to the slaughter with broken bones, oozing abscesses and internal hemorrhaging, then their meat is served in chicken soup and companion animal food. Let's ban forced molting like Great Britain did in 1987, which does not allow food deprivation for more than 24 hours. Let's stop this inhumane treatment. I would really appreciate anything you can do to help stop this cruel behavior. Thank you for your time.

Thank you again,

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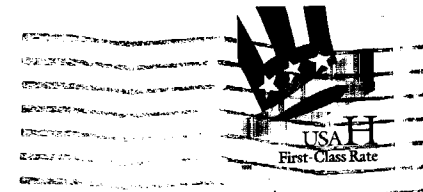
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